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FILED: 03/30/2004) Examiner: Lauchman, Layla G.
TITLE: A Method for Generating a Formula for Calculating Mottling of a Paint Film, and a Quantification Method of the Mottling

Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on December 8, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for a Two-Month Extension of the present term with the required fee, to extend the period for reply to February 8, 2007. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.